Implementation of rural development schemes by Panchayats

2001. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to get some centrally sponsored schemes for rural development implemented by the Panchayat bodies directly;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) what would be the mechanism for monitoring of this and the role of State Governments in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Although there is no new proposal in this regard, the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) are implemented through the Panchayat bodies.

(c) There are Monitoring and Vigilance Committees at the State, District and Block levels.

People below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh

2002. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of people of rural and urban areas living below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) how these compare to All India percentage;

(c) the details of various anti-poverty programmes in operation in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether any targets have been fixed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and achievements made during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) The number and percentage